

## House Resolution No. 1280

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have admirably dedicated their time, energy, and leadership abilities to improving the quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods through the excellence of their endeavors in the field of public safety; and

**Whereas**, Tommy A. Yoder of Saint Clair has attained considerable distinction as his hometown's Chief of Police; and

**Whereas**, first elected as Police Chief in 1990, Tommy Yoder will be given public accolades by the Chamber of Commerce on March 26, 2005, in light of his fifteen years as Saint Clair's top law enforcement officer; and

**Whereas**, known for outstanding service and unselfish dedication both on and off duty to the people and institutions of Saint Clair Chief Tommy Yoder brings to his leadership of the police department a wealth of knowledge and skills which he garnered as a student at Saint Clair High School, a graduate of East Central College with a major in criminal justice, a graduate of the Saint Charles Police Academy, and an officer with the Franklin County Sheriff's Department, where he served as an undercover officer working narcotics and a Lieutenant in the Detective Division; and

**Whereas**, Police Chief Tommy Yoder also deserves mention of his patriotic service as a helicopter mechanic in the United States Army during the Vietnam War; and

**Whereas**, no stranger to honors, Police Chief Tommy Yoder earned a United States Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service, a First Top Cop Award from the Elks, and Policeman of the Year awards in 1990 and 1991; and

**Whereas**, Police Chief Tommy Yoder is the beloved husband of Gloria Yoder and the loving father of Tyrone (Yoder) Theiman, both of whom are justifiably proud of his involvement with Villa Ridge First Baptist Church, the Missouri Police Chiefs Association, and other organizations and programs:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to salute Chief Tommy Yoder and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations as he celebrates the Fifteenth Anniversary of his becoming Police Chief for the city of Saint Clair; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Saint Clair Police Chief Tommy A. Yoder.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Brian Nieves  
District No. 98

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 1280, adopted March 15, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker